

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Eighty-fourth Session.  
BISHOP PIERCE PRESIDING.

(Reported for the Dispatch.)

FIFTH DAY.

Conference met at 9 o'clock—Bishop Pierce in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. D. P. Willis.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted Rev. S. S. Lambeth, at his request, to visit Norfolk to marry a couple in his congregation.

The Bishop called the twentieth question: "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The list of supernumerary preachers and supernumeraries was called.

The following passed in examination and their relations were continued:

Supernumeraries: W. H. Camper, J. S. R. Clark, J. A. Riddick, William J. Norfleet, and J. E. Cotts.

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Thomas Diggs was changed from the supernumerary to the supernumerary list.

The secretary read a communication from Rev. J. W. Hinton, of Macon, Ga., relative to the Southern Quarterly Review, which he proposes to publish shortly.

The Review will be published as soon as five hundred subscribers can be obtained. The prospectus of the Review was read to the Conference by permission of the Bishop. It is to be published by the Publishing-House.

THE CHARGES OF MALADMINISTRATION.

Rev. William H. Christian, from the special committee appointed to investigate the charges of maladministration against Rev. B. F. Woodward, reported as follows:

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